

House Resolution No. 372

Whereas, this year marks the Fortieth Anniversary of TRIO, the name given to a number of federally-funded programs authorized by the U.S. Department of Education to provide a comprehensive array of information, counseling, academic instruction, and support services to disadvantaged students in high school and in college; and

Whereas, in recognition of this momentous occasion, a special week-long celebration will take place at Lincoln University in Jefferson City during February, 2005; and

Whereas, the Student Support Services Program at Lincoln University will join with Equal Opportunity programs around the country in the national observance of TRIO Day on Friday, February 25, 2005; and

Whereas, National TRIO Day was established by Congress in 1986 to call attention to the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve themselves through education; and

Whereas, for many Americans, equal access to higher education is severely restricted by a number of factors which generally include economic limitations, and class, social, and cultural barriers; and

Whereas, all too often, disadvantaged students have to contend not only with economic barriers in pursuing higher education, but also lack of encouragement from peers or family members, lack of proper academic preparation, and lack of awareness about the cost of post-secondary education; and

Whereas, the TRIO program at Lincoln University and TRIO programs throughout Missouri seek to address these serious problems through a wide range of programs, including Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Educational Community Centers, the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, and Upward Bound-Math/Science; and

Whereas, the Lincoln University TRIO Program has provided invaluable educational assistance to area disadvantaged residents for twelve years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to honor the TRIO program's forty years of commitment toward providing equal access to higher education as it celebrates National TRIO Day on February 28, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Lincoln University TRIO Program.

Offered by _____
Representative Theodore Hoskins,
Chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus

and joined by the entire Caucus membership: Representatives Craig C. Bland, Michael Brown, Amber Boykins, John Bowman, Sharon Brooks, Melba Curls, Yaphett S. El-Amin, Ester Haywood, Rodney Hubbard, Leonard Hughes, Connie Johnson, Robin Jones, Maria Chappell-Nadal, Sherman Parker, Martin Rucker and Juanita Walton.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House

Resolution No. 372, adopted February 7, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker